

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

PROJECT TITLE	Blasingame Capital Improvement Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	23087 Tollhouse Rd Clovis, CA 93619 Legal Description: T. 11S R. 23E, S. 22	COUNTY	Fresno
LEAD AGENCY	Fresno-Kings Unit (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is located at the CAL FIRE Blasingame Fire Station located at 23087 Tollhouse Rd, Clovis, CA 93619. The project proposes 5 activities intended to improve the stations livability and functionality in response to a growing staff. The proposed activities are listed as follows: Hazard Tree Removal: The removal of 3 hazard trees which pose a risk to station personnel and property. Exterior Water Line Replacement: Roughly 100 ft of 1.5-inch waterline piping will be replaced and rerouted to the facilities water heater room where a new shutoff valve is located. Equipment to utilized for this activity includes a mini excavator and non-powered hand tools. New Septic Line: Roughly 50 feet of new septic line is to be installed from the station residence to an existing septic tank. A 5'x5' inground lift pump will be installed to pump the effluent up the grade and to the septic tank. The trench for the new septic line will be no greater than 24" deep and the hole for the lift pump will be roughly 6'x6' to allow for proper placement of the pump. In addition, a small trench approximately 10' long and no greater than 18" deep will be dug to run power from the breaker box at the residence to the inground lifter pump. Equipment to be utilized for this activity includes a mini excavator and non-powered hand tools. Cement paving around building to reduce water damage: Approximately 1,000 ft^2 of concrete will be added around the onsite residence and adjacent garage to reduce soil erosion around the building during rainy weather and to prevent damage to foundations. Equipment to be utilized for this activity includes a cement mixer and non-powered hand tools. Additional parking area: Roughly 2,600 ft^2 of ground behind the main barracks has been designated as overflow parking during fire season. The area contains heavily disturbed soils and a layer of gravel on top. Equipment to be utilized for this activity includes a skid steer, mini excavator, mechanical compactor, and non-powered hand tools.

All ground disturbing activities will be conducted on previously disturbed areas. Construction equipment will remain on site until the job is completed. Off-site project improvements will not be required for this project. The project is anticipated to take approximately 1-2 weeks to complete.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: **§15302 Replacement or Reconstruction; Class 2**
§15304 Minor Alterations to Land; Class 4
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. CAL FIRE has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, energy, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, utilities, and service systems, or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the CAL FIRE Fresno-Kings Unit Headquarters office at 210 S Academy Ave, Sanger, CA 93657.

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